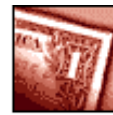




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When You Really Need To Speak Their Language...

Let The IDP Speak For You!

When traveling overseas, carry an International Driving Permit ... even if you're not planning to drive. Should you need to communicate with foreign authorities, this recognizable form of identification can help you get on your way more quickly.

Valid in more than 150 countries, the permit contains your name, photo and driver information.

Before you travel the world, travel to any AAA office for your International Driving Permit. Bring your valid U.S. driver's license, \$10, and two ORIGINAL passport-size photos (also available at AAA offices).

IDP FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

How will I benefit by carrying an International Driving Permit on my next overseas trip?
The International Driving Permit (IDP) is a document that provides important information from your driver's license in eleven different languages, including English.

Am I required to have an IDP in foreign countries?

There are some countries that do not recognize a driver's license from the United States, but officially recognize an IDP (e.g. Spain). The IDP can satisfy these types of situations. Keep in mind, however, that while a certain country's government may not require an IDP, car rental companies located in that country, such as Hertz, may require an IDP to rent a car. Purchasing an IDP prior to departure can save a lot of potential hassles.

What happens if I am stopped and given a citation against my IDP?

An IDP does not hold any powers of its own apart from your driver's license, and therefore, you do not have a separate driving record with an IDP. The IDP is valid only when carried in conjunction with, and acts as a translation of, a driver's license. If you are traveling in a foreign country and were to be stopped by a law enforcement officer, your U.S. driver's license and IDP should be presented to the officer. If a citation is issued to you, it will be reflected on the driving record that is with your driver's license.

Since Hong Kong was transferred from Great Britain to China, do I still need an IDP to drive there?

[IDP Application Form](#)

Print the form (both pages), fill it out and bring it to your [local Auto Club office](#).

If you are **already overseas**, mail the completed form and other required materials to AAA/IDP, 1000 AAA Dr., Heathrow, FL 32746 Attn: Mailstop #28.

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The United Nations recently provided official notification to the U.S. State Department indicating that the treaty which applies to Hong Kong at present will continue to apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the name given to the territory by China. Such notification should not be misconstrued to mean that China now recognizes IDPs, as the People's Republic of China has never become a party to the treaty.

If someone visits the United States from a foreign country and discovers that they need an IDP, can they purchase one from AAA?

An IDP must be issued in the same country as the driver's license of the traveler. Therefore, if someone from the United Kingdom has a U.K. driver's license, their IDP must also be issued in the United Kingdom.

I have a U.S. driver's license, but I am a citizen of another country. Where should I obtain an IDP?

The IDP must be issued in the same country as the driver's license. In the case of a driver's license being issued in the United States, the IDP must also be issued in the United States. Contact your nearest AAA office to obtain an IDP.

If someone has a drivers license from a U.S. territory such as Guam, Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands, how would an IDP work for them?

Since their driver's license was issued by a U.S. possession, their IDP would also be issued in the United States. Contact a AAA office in the United States for more information.

What do I need to obtain an IDP?

You need to complete a brief application form (available through your nearest AAA office), provide two passport-sized photographs with your signature on the back of them, a photocopy of your valid U.S. issued driver's license, and cash or a money order for \$10 in U.S. funds. If transacting by mail, these items would need to be mailed to a AAA office in the United States. Otherwise, everything can be handled in a single office visit.

Geographical Areas Which Honor International Driving Permits (Convention on Road Traffic, United Nations, Geneva 1949) as of June, 1996

| | | | |
|--------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| Afghanistan* | Ecuador*** | Latvia | St. Lucia |
| Albania | Egypt | Lebanon | St. Vincent & The Grenadines |
| Algeria | El Salvador*/*** | Lesotho | San Marino |
| Andorra | Equatorial Guinea* | Liberia* | Sao Tome & Principe* |
| Angola* | Estonia* | Libya* | Saudi Arabia* |
| Antigua*/** | Fiji | Liechtenstein* | Senegal |
| Armenia* | Finland | Lithuania* | Seychelles |

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| Argentina*** | France (including French overseas Territories) | Luxembourg | Sierra Leone |
| Australia | French Polynesia | Macao* | Singapore |
| Austria | Gabon* | Madagascar | Slovakia |
| Azerbaijan* | Gambia | Malawi | Slovenia* |
| Bahamas | Georgia | Malaysia | South Africa |
| Bahrain* | Germany* | Mali | Spain |
| Bangladesh | Ghana | Malta | Sri Lanka |
| Barbados** | Gibraltar | Mauritania* | Sudan* |
| Belarus* | Greece | Mauritius | Suriname |
| Belgium | Grenada | Mexico*/**** | Swaziland |
| Belize | Guatemala**** | Moldova* | Sweden |
| Benin | Guernsey | Monaco | Switzerland* |
| Bhutan* | Guinea | Montserrat*/** | Syria |
| Bolivia*/**** | Guinea-Bissau* | Morocco | Taiwan |
| Botswana | Guyana | Mozambique* | Tajikstan* |
| Brunei* | Haiti | Myanmar* | Tanzania |
| Bulgaria | Honduras*/**** | Namibia | Thailand |
| Burkina Faso* (was Upper Volta) | Hong Kong | Nepal* | Togo |
| Cameroon* | Hungary | Netherlands | Trinidad & Tobago**** |
| Canada | Iceland | New Caledonia | Tunisia |
| Cape Verde Islands* | India | New Zealand | Turkey |

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| Cayman Islands* | Indonesia* | Nicaragua*/*** | Turkmenistan* |
| Central African Rep. | Iran* | Niger | Uganda |
| Chad* | Ireland | Norway | Ukraine* |
| Chile*** | Israel | Oman* | United Arab Emirates* |
| Colombia*/*** | Italy | Pakistan* | United Kingdom |
| Comoros* | Ivory Coast | Panama* | Uzbekistan* |
| Congo | Jamaica | Papua New Guinea | Vatican City |
| Costa Rica*/*** | Japan | Paraguay | Venezuela*** |
| Croatia* | Jersey* | Peru | Vietnam* |
| Cuba | Jordan | Philippines | Western Samoa |
| Curacao | Kampuchea (was Cambodia) | Poland | Yemen* |
| Cyprus | Kazakhstan* | Portugal | Yugoslavia |
| Czech Rep. | Kenya* | Qatar* | Zaire |
| Denmark | Korea (rep.) | Romania | Zambia |
| Djibouti* | Kuwait* | Russia* | Zimbabwe |
| Dominica*/** | Kyrgystan | Rwanda | |
| Dominican Rep.*** | Laos | St. Christopher, Nevis & Anguilla*/* | |

*Not party of 1949 Convention: International Driving Permit honored.

**U.S. driver's license and International Driving Permit recognized on presentation to local police and payment of Special Registration Fee upon arrival.

***Geographical areas which honor Inter-American driving permits (Convention on Regulation of Inter-American Motor Vehicle Traffic, Organization of American States, Washington, D.C. 1943) as of June, 1996. If you intend to drive in the following countries, be sure to check INTER-AMERICAN DRIVING PERMIT box page 1: Brazil and Uruguay.

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APPLICATION FOR INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT
or
INTER-AMERICAN DRIVING PERMIT

FEE FOR EACH PERMIT \$10.00

Issuance of Permit is restricted to persons EIGHTEEN YEARS or over who hold a valid U.S.A. or Territorial License. PERMIT VALID FOR ONE YEAR. Not renewable.

CHECK DESIRED PERMIT

International Driving Permit (Fee \$10.00 and 2 Passport Type Photos signed on back)

Inter-American Driving Permit *** (see reverse side) (Fee \$10.00 and 2 Passport Type Photos signed on back)

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

- (1) Attach 2 recent signed Passport Type Photos (2" x 2")
- (2) Enclose permit fee of \$10.00 (NO CASH)
- (3) If mailing application, a photocopy of U.S. Driver's License must accompany completed application.

NOTE: IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR U.S.A. OR TERRITORIAL LICENSE BE CARRIED WITH THE PERMIT AT ALL TIMES. The International or Inter-American Permit is not valid for driving in the United States.

PRINT NAME IN FULL. No Initials

Mr. Mrs. Ms. (Circle One)

FIRST _____ MIDDLE _____ LAST _____

PHONE _____ HOME STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

U.S. DRIVER'S LICENSE NO. _____ STATE OF ISSUE _____ EXPIRATION DATE _____

BIRTHPLACE:

CITY _____ STATE OR COUNTRY _____ BIRTH DATE (MO . DAY YEAR) _____

DATE PERMIT TO BE EFFECTIVE _____ DEPARTURE DATE FROM U.S. _____

FOREIGN ADDRESS (If known) _____

PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX BELOW TO INDICATE THE TYPE OF VEHICLE FOR WHICH YOU NOW HOLD A VALID U.S.A. OR TERRITORIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE, AND FOR WHICH YOU DESIRE THIS PERMIT:

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|------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| MOTORCYCLE | PASSENGER CAR | VEHICLE OVER 7,700lbs | VEHICLE OVER 8 SEATS | VEHICLE WITH HEAVY TRAILER |
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I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT, AND THAT THE LICENSE INDICATED HAS NOT BEEN SUSPENDED NOR REVOKED. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I UNDERSTAND THAT A VALID STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE MUST ACCOMPANY THIS PERMIT, AND THAT THIS PERMIT IS VALID ONLY AS LONG AS THE STATE LICENSE IS VALID, BUT NOT TO EXCEED ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE THE PERMIT IS ISSUED.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

(signature mandatory for issuance of Permit)

THIS IS YOUR MAILING LABEL. Please print to ensure prompt delivery

NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

COUNTRY _____

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